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RECORDING MEDIUM STORING A COLLABORATION PROGRAM BETWEEN

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## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application is a continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of International Application PCT/JP99/03867, filed July 16, 1999, it being further noted that priority is based upon Japanese Patent Application 10-347132, filed December 7, 1998.

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